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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD THAT A PERSON COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CETA PROGRAM (COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT).

"PRESENTLY THERE ARE MANY INDICATORS THAT SHOW THAT THE OVERALL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION IS ON THE RISE," RAHALL OBSERVED, "AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT LAW, CETA EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE WORKED FOR 78 WEEKS WILL BE TERMINATED, THEREFORE ADDING TO OUR UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS."

"HR 5412, WILL EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT, FROM 78 WEEKS, TO 104 WEEKS," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT.

" IN AREAS, WHERE THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT HAS EXCEEDED THE NATIONAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS, MY BILL WOULD PERMIT A PARTICIPATE WHO FACES TERMINATION TO CONTINUE IN THE CETA PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 26 WEEKS," RAHALL SAID.

IN FISCAL YEAR 1980, THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA WILL RECEIVE \$11.1 MILLION FOR THIS PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

"I REALIZE THAT CETA IS NOT A PERMANENT JOBS PROGRAM," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "HOWEVER WITH ECONOMIC INDICATORS POINTING TO A RECESSION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RISING, I BELIEVE THIS MEASURE IS VITAL AT THIS TIME."

CHIEF SPONSOR OF HR 5412, IS REP. BENNETT STEWART, (D-ILL).

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